

CLUB RULES AND CONSTITUTION

Rules of a registered members' club

1. Name and premises

The Club is called "The Northern Ireland Civil Service Social Club" and it occupies premises at the Pavilion Complex, Stormont under a memorandum of understanding with NICSSA referred to in Rule 58.3

2. Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the Club are:

- (i) to encourage (and assist in the promotion of) social, recreational and entertainment activities by its members;
- (ii) to encourage cultural and educational activities amongst its members;

2.2 In pursuit of these objectives the Club shall:

- (i) provide and maintain for the use of all or any of its members facilities and amenities and to permit the same to be used by its members, either gratuitously or upon such terms as shall be agreed;
- (ii) provide facilities as a registered club for the benefit of its members and duly admitted visitors to all the premises of the Club;
- (iii) purchase, take on lease or in exchange, or otherwise acquire or possess any property, rights or privileges, which the Club may think necessary or convenient for its objectives;
- (iv) borrow or raise or secure money in such manner as the Club shall think fit;
- (v) shall support or subscribe to any charitable institutions or organizations, which it deems appropriate;
- (vi) do all such lawful acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

3. Classification of Members

3.1 Membership of the Club shall consist of the following classifications:

Ordinary members:

3.2 shall be persons of 18 years or over who are admitted to full membership of the Club and have full voting rights in the affairs and management of the Club.

Honorary Life Members:

3.3 shall be persons appointed by the Club as Honorary Life members and who qualify in accordance with Rule 4.2

3.4 shall not pay any entrance fee or subscription

3.5 shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership, except that they shall not be qualified to be officers or members of the Committee, or to vote as members, or to claim any share of the property of the Club on its dissolution.

4. Qualification for membership

4.1 Ordinary membership: Anyone who is 18 years of age or over and who is an ordinary or an associate member of the NI Civil Service Sports Association.

4.2 Honorary life membership: A person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered distinguished service to the Club.

5. Admission of members

5.1 All members must be admitted by election by the Committee or membership sub-committee deputed for such purpose.

5.2 A candidate for election who receives the votes of a majority of the Committee or membership sub-committee shall be declared elected.

5.3 No person shall be admitted as a member if, in the opinion of the

Committee shown by simple majority, his character or conduct is such as to be injurious to the Club or for any reasonable cause the Committee or membership sub-committee shall decide that such person would not be a desirable member of the Club.

6. Proposal of candidates

- 6.1 Every candidate for admission as an ordinary member must be proposed by one ordinary member and seconded by another (both of whom must vouch for the fitness of the candidate from their personal knowledge.)
- 6.2 A candidate must be proposed by forwarding the full name and home address of the proposed member to the Secretary not less than two weeks before the date of election.
- 6.3 If at the time a candidate has been duly proposed the Committee has decided that the membership lists are closed for the time being the proposed member's name shall be placed on a waiting list of prospective members.
- 6.4 The Committee or membership sub-committee, at its discretion, may require a third ordinary member, in addition to those members proposing and seconding a candidate (as set out in Rule 6.1), to vouch for the fitness of the candidate from their personal knowledge.

7. Substitution of proposer or seconder

- 7.1 If a proposer or seconder ceases to be a member before the candidate comes up for election, another proposer or seconder, as the case may be, may be substituted not later than two days before the day when the candidate comes up for election.
- 7.2 If a proposer or seconder wishes to withdraw his name, he may do so subject to any regulations which the Committee may at any time prescribe, and another proposer or seconder may be substituted not later than two days before the day when the candidate comes up for election.

8. Time of nomination and posting of particulars of candidates

- 8.1 The names and home addresses of proposed new members must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises in the place where notices for the attention of members are usually displayed for at least seven days preceding the day when a candidate comes up for election.
- 8.2 An interval of at least two weeks shall elapse between the nomination of and the election of members.

9. Inaccuracies in candidates' details

Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars furnished to the Secretary may at the Committee's discretion invalidate a proposal and any election made in consequence of it.

10. Order of election

Provided that at the date of the election they appear to be eligible for membership, all candidates for election as members must come up for election in the order in which their names have been given to the Secretary. This order shall also constitute the order of the waiting list referred to in Rule 6.3

11. Procedure after election

- 11.1 Immediately a candidate is elected he shall:
 - 11.1.1 be given notice of his election;
 - 11.1.2 be furnished with a copy of these Rules.
- 11.2 On payment of his first subscription an elected candidate becomes a member of the Club and is entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership, and agrees to be bound by these Rules.
- 11.3 If persons are elected by a procedure which does not comply with these

Rules, they shall not be admitted to the privileges of membership until the expiration of a period of at least two days from the election.

12. Subscription

- 12.1 The annual subscription is whatever sum the Committee determines from time to time, making special provision for various categories of membership.
- 12.2 Due notice of the current annual subscription shall be given by a notice posted in one of the Club's principal rooms and also shall be made known on all relevant electronic media used by the Club.

13. Subscription date

- 13.1 All annual subscriptions are payable each year without demand (except the first subscription of a new member which is payable as provided by Rule 11.2).

14. Payment of subscriptions, etc.

The principal means of payment for all members' subscriptions due to the Club shall be by direct debit, or, alternatively, subscriptions paid by cheque must be made payable to the Club and crossed "a/c payee".

15. Subscriptions in arrears

- 15.1 If any member fails to pay the subscription due in accordance with the arrangements for the payment of subscriptions by members of the Club, notice must be sent to him drawing his attention to his failure to pay.
- 15.2 If the member does not pay the amount within 14 days from the posting of that notice, his name may immediately be posted in the Club premises as a defaulter, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 15.3 If the member's subscription is not paid by the 14th day following posting of

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his name, the Committee may terminate his membership.

- 15.4 If at any time the member gives the Committee a satisfactory explanation, he may, in the discretion of the Committee and on payment of arrears, be readmitted to membership.

16. List of Members

An alphabetical list of the names and home addresses of every official and member of the Club shall be kept on the premises of the Club.

17. Resignation of members

- 17.1 Any member may resign his membership by giving notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary.
- 17.2 Every such notice must, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take effect as from the next day following its receipt.

18. Discipline of members

- 18.1 The Committee may from time to time make and amend rules of behaviour and discipline for the members ("the Disciplinary Rules") not inconsistent with these Rules, as it thinks necessary for the management and well being of the Club and may impose reasonable penalties for breach of any of the Disciplinary Rules.
- 18.2 The Committee shall take immediate note of any breach of the Disciplinary Rules or these Rules and shall call a disciplinary hearing which shall be deputed to a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to consider the breach as soon as reasonably possible.
- 18.3 The Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the said disciplinary hearing and the nature of the complaints against him in sufficient time to afford him a proper opportunity of offering his explanation.

18.4 The member must be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally or in writing whichever he may choose.

18.5 The Disciplinary Sub-Committee may expel or suspend from the privileges of membership for such period as they may decide, any member who, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee has acted in contravention of the Disciplinary Rules or the Rules of the Club or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club. The decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be that of the majority of those present at the disciplinary hearing. Any member considering himself aggrieved shall have the right to appeal to an Arbitration Sub-Committee as constituted in Rule 30.6 whose decision shall be final. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Secretary within seven days of the decision of the Committee being notified to the member, and the appeal shall be heard within 28 days of receipt of the written appeal.

19. Effect of ceasing to be a member

On ceasing to be a member of the Club a person forfeits all right to and claims upon the Club and its property and funds.

20. Former member/ suspended member not to be admitted

Any member who is suspended or expelled shall not be entitled to be a visitor or a guest in the Club and shall forfeit all his rights and privileges under these Rules but if suspended shall remain liable to pay his subscription during his suspension. If in office or on the Committee he shall vacate his office or cease to be on the Committee forthwith.

21. Committee

The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these Rules) is deputed to a Committee of a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five other ordinary members all of whom must be elected at

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the Annual General Meeting for not less than one year. Two members will be nominated by the Council of NICSSA, who will fill the posts of the Chairperson and Treasurer and, of the remaining six positions not less than three positions shall be elected from nominees of the Pavilion-based sports clubs.

22. Election of members of Committee

Subject to the provisions for the make-up of the Committee set out at Rule 21 above;-

- 22.1 At each Annual General Meeting all members of the Committee must retire but are eligible for re-election.
- 22.2 Any two ordinary members may propose or second any other ordinary members of the Club as a candidate or candidates for election to the Committee by notice in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, and the Secretary must immediately post the proposals in the Club premises and details also shall be placed on all relevant electronic media used by the Club.
- 22.3 Voting lists must be issued containing in alphabetical order all the names so nominated, distinguishing any candidates proposed by the Committee, and showing the names of the proposers and seconders of other candidates.
- 22.4 Every ordinary member of the Club present at AGM is entitled, but not obliged, to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and no more.
- 22.5 Up to the number of vacancies, the candidates who receive most votes shall be declared elected, subject to the provisions of Rule 21 and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote or may determine the matter by lot.

23. Vacancies on Committee

- 23.1 The Committee may appoint an ordinary member to fill any vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 23.2 Any member so appointed must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but may be elected as a member of the Committee at that meeting.

24. Duties of the Secretary

- 24.1 The Secretary shall deal with the day to day administration of the Club.
- 24.2 The Secretary shall attend at Committee meetings and other meetings of the Club and shall keep a minute book in which he shall enter minutes of the proceedings at all such meetings and such minutes when signed by the Chairperson shall be deemed conclusive of the truth of the matters therein contained.
- 24.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for dealing with the renewal of the registration of the Club in compliance with the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 or any statutory amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- 24.4 The Secretary shall be responsible for attending to all correspondence on behalf of the Club.
- 24.5 The Secretary shall be responsible for arranging disciplinary hearings and appeals where necessary, in compliance with these Rules.
- 24.6 The Secretary shall be nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees as set out in Rule 27.7.

25. Duties of the Treasurer

- 25.1 The Treasurer shall receive the subscriptions of members as well as other monies that may be paid from time to time into his hands by any person on account of the Club.
- 25.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the same and make appropriate arrangements to place them in a bank to the credit of the Club.
- 25.3. The Treasurer shall arrange to pay all accounts after they have been approved by the Committee and shall furnish a statement of receipts and

expenditure to the Annual General Meeting and whenever required to do so by the Committee.

- 25.4 The Treasurer shall take all necessary steps to ensure compliance by the Club with the Registration of Clubs (Accounts) Regulations (NI) 1997.

26. General Meetings

- 26.1 Proceedings at general meetings:

At all general meetings of the Club the Chairperson, or in his absence the treasurer or vice-chairperson must take the chair. Fifteen members shall form a quorum of whom not less than four shall be club management Committee members; however, if the meeting is for the purpose of amending the Rules or the removal of an officer of the Club, 20 members shall form a quorum of whom not less than five members shall be members of the club management Committee. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present within half an hour of the time notified for such meeting. If no quorum is present within half an hour of the time appointed, the meeting, if called upon requisition of members, shall be dissolved, but if called otherwise shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week when if no quorum is present, those members who are present shall be deemed a quorum and capable of transacting business. Every ordinary member present is entitled to one vote upon every motion, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson may have a second or casting vote. The Committee may, if it thinks fit, make regulations enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or in writing.

- 26.2 Club business discussed at General meetings shall be considered confidential and breach of such confidentiality by members may be considered a disciplinary offence under the Rules.

27. Trustees

- 27.1 There must be not less than three or more than seven Trustees of the Club.

- 27.2 The Trustees shall be appointed by the membership.
- 27.3 The property of the Club (other than cash which must be under the control of the Treasurer) must be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee from time to time directs by resolution and an entry in the minute book is conclusive evidence of a resolution.
- 27.4 The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.
- 27.5 The Trustees hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office as follows:
- 27.5.1 by a resolution of the Committee which may, for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting, remove any Trustee from the office of Trustee.
- 27.5.2 by a resolution at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, which may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the ordinary members present and voting at such meeting, remove any Trustee from the office of Trustee.
- 27.6 Where by reason of the death, resignation or removal of a Trustee a new Trustee needs to be appointed, or if the Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees, the Committee or the membership at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, may by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed as the new Trustee or Trustees.
- 27.7 To give effect to a nomination:
- 27.7.1 the Secretary is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustee Act (N.I.) 1958 Section 35, and
- 27.7.2 the Secretary must by deed appoint the person or persons nominated by the Committee/the membership as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and
- 27.7.3 the provisions of the Trustee Act (N.I.) 1958 apply to any appointment.
- 27.8 Any statement of fact in a deed of appointment of new Trustees, in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee, is conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

28. Meetings of Committee

- 28.1 The Committee should meet regularly to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club.
- 28.2 Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 28.3 Minutes of all the proceedings of the Committee must be taken and must conform to the requirements of the Registration of Clubs (Accounts) Regulations (NI) 1997 or any amendment to or re-enactment of the said regulations.

29. Resignation/removal from the Committee

- 29.1 A Committee member may resign from the Committee by tendering his resignation in writing addressed to any officer of the Club or orally at any duly constituted Committee meeting.
- 29.2 A member shall cease to be a member of the Committee if he fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse acceptable to the Chairperson, or, in his absence, by a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting.

30. Sub-committees

- 30.1 The purchase of intoxicating liquor for supply by the Club shall be at the absolute discretion of a sub-committee of not less than three members, being members of the Committee, appointed by the Committee for that purpose.
- 30.2 If any member ceases to be a member of the Committee he automatically ceases to be a member of the sub-committee and another member of the Committee must be appointed in his place.
- 30.3 The Committee may also from time to time appoint from among its number such other sub-committees and additional officers and deputies as it deems necessary or expedient and may, subject to the provisions of Regulation 19

of the Registration of Clubs (Accounts) Regulation (NI) 1997, delegate to them such of its powers and duties as it may determine.

- 30.4 All sub-committees must periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and must conduct their business in accordance with its directions.
- 30.5 With the exception of any sub-committee of less than three members and the sub-committee concerned with the purchase of intoxicating liquor for supply by the Club, the Committee may co-opt any ordinary member to the Committee or any sub-committees provided that the number so co-opted does not exceed one quarter of the total membership of the Committee or sub-committee.
- 30.6 The Committee shall elect not less than three ordinary or honorary members to constitute an Arbitration Sub-Committee. Only members of at least 5 years standing shall be eligible for election.
- 30.7 The members of the Arbitration Sub-Committee shall retire at the first meeting following the next AGM but shall be eligible to serve a further term.
- 30.8 The Arbitration Sub-Committee, in dealing with the discipline of members pursuant to Rule 18, shall make final decisions on any matters raised by a member exercising their right of appeal.

31. Regulations

- 31.1 The Committee may from time to time make, and amend regulations (not inconsistent with these Rules) as it thinks necessary for the management and well-being of the Club and may impose reasonable fines for breach of any of those regulations.
- 31.2 A member who has incurred a fine must be notified by the Secretary, and requested to pay the fine immediately, and in default of payment within 28 days from the date of the notice, shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- 31.3 All regulations made by the Committee under this rule are binding on the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a general meeting of the Club.

32. Employees

The Committee may appoint, pay and dismiss a manager and such other employees as it deems necessary, subject always to the provisions of the Employment Rights (NI) Order 1996 and any amendment thereto, and to the common law.

33. Borrowing powers

33.1 If at any time the Club in a General Meeting passes a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money:-

33.1.1. the Committee may borrow for the purposes of the Club the amount of money (either at one time or from time to time) and at the rate of interest, in the form and manner and upon the security specified in the resolution, and

33.1.2 the Trustees must at the direction of the Committee make any disposition of the Club property or any part of it and enter into any agreement in relation to the Club property as the Committee thinks proper to give security for the loan and interest.

33.2 Every member of the Club, whether he votes on a resolution authorising borrowing or not, and everyone becoming a member of the Club after the passing of such a resolution, is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if he had voted in favour of it.

33.3 Until any resolution is passed that supersedes this power, the Committee may borrow up to the sum of £250,000.

34. Annual General Meeting

34 Except in exceptional circumstances the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March each year at a date and time to be fixed by the Committee for the purpose of :-

34.1 receiving from the Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year;

34.1.2 filling the vacancies in the Committee and appoint an auditor for the ensuing year;

34.1.3 deciding on any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting in the manner provided below; and

34.1.4 considering any other business as determined by the Committee.

34.2 The report, balance sheet, statement of accounts must be placed in one of the principal club rooms at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and also shall be placed on all relevant electronic media used by the Club.

35. Notice of business at Annual General Meeting

Any member who desires to move any resolution at the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing to the Secretary not later than seven days before the said meeting.

36. Special General Meeting

The Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time for any special purpose, and also must do so upon a requisition in writing sent to the Secretary (stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions to be put to the meeting) from 25 ordinary members of the Club. Fourteen days notice of any special general meeting shall be given.

37. Convening General Meetings

37.1 At least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, or any Special General Meeting, notice of the meeting and the business to be transacted at it must be posted in one of the Club's principal rooms and also shall be placed on all relevant electronic media used by the Club.

37.2 No business other than that of which notice has been given may be brought forward at a General Meeting.

38. Amendments

38.1 No amendment (other than a motion for adjournment) may be moved to any resolution proposed at any Annual or Special General Meeting unless

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written notice of the amendment has been sent to the Secretary not less than seven days prior to the meeting.

- 38.2 Whenever notice of any amendment to be proposed is given, it must be posted in one of the Club's principal rooms immediately and also shall be placed immediately on all relevant electronic media used by the Club.

39. Financial year

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st December of each year.

40. Audit of accounts

- 40.1 The accounts must be audited by a person defined in Regulation 5 of the Registration of Clubs (Accounts) Regulations (NI) 1997 as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year.
- 40.2 The auditor must be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and must not be a member of the Club or related to a member of the Club.

41. Opening of Club premises

- 41.1 The Club premises shall be open to members daily between such hours as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 41.2 The Committee may close the Club premises for such times as it considers necessary for cleaning and repairs, staff holidays or where it is necessary in the interest of the Club.

42. Games

Regulations made by the Committee may lay down the conditions on which any game including a gaming machine may be played on the Club premises and may prohibit any games the playing of which would in the opinion of the Committee be injurious to the interests of the Club.

43. Visitors

- 43.1 Every member may introduce visitors, subject to any regulations made from
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time to time by the Committee.

- 43.2 Every visitor must be accompanied by the member introducing him.
- 43.3 Immediately upon the admission of his visitors to the Club premises the member shall enter his name and the name of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for that purpose and shall show the date of each visit.
- 43.4 The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife, partner or child of a member shall be admitted as a visitor of a member to the Club premises on no more than five days in any period of 12 months.
- 43.5 A member shall be responsible for his visitors strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the Club premises before his visitor and a visitor shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor unless upon the invitation of and in the company of a member.
- 43.6 Officials and members of opposing clubs visiting the Club shall be admitted as visitors for the day or days on which they are engaged in playing matches and shall during that time enjoy the privileges of membership.
- 43.7 No one who has been expelled from membership, or whose conduct or presence on the Club premises is considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, may be introduced as a visitor to the Club.
- 43.8 In accordance with the provisions of The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Schedule 1 Rule 13, and the Club being a sporting Club, a person, on payment of a fee in respect of any day may use, on that day, such facilities as the management committee of the Club may determine and Rule 43.3 shall not apply to that person in respect of that day.

44. Payment of members' accounts

- 44.1 Charges for meals, refreshments and the like, and for pool, snooker and other games shall be fixed by the Committee.
- 44.2 Every member must, before leaving the Club, ensure that all such charges (whether incurred on his own account or for a guest) are paid.

45. Members not to make profit out of club

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No member may on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee.

46. Private benefit not to accrue on purchase etc of liquor

- 46.1 No one may be paid at any time at the expense of the Club or any member of the Club any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 46.2 No one may directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests or others apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.
- 46.3 No official and no manager or servant employed in the Club shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club or in the profits arising from such supply.

47. Permitted hours

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club are as provided by the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and may be varied from time to time by the Committee in accordance with the statutory provisions for the time being in force.

48. Supply of liquor

- 48.1 Intoxicating liquor may be supplied to members and their guests for consumption on the Club premises.
- 48.2 Intoxicating liquor may not be supplied for consumption off the Club premises.

49. Club address not to be used for business

No member may give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes.

50. Members' addresses

Every member of the Club must advise the Secretary of any change of his home address and all notices sent by first class post to that address are considered to have been given on the day following the date of posting.

51. Suggestions/Complaints

Suggestions of any kind as to any matters tending to the welfare or improvement of the Club, and complaints of any kind relating to the affairs of the club shall be made to the Secretary in writing, who shall place the same before the next Committee meeting.

52. Actions of members

Subject to the satisfaction of the Committee any member damaging or destroying property of the Club by accident or otherwise shall promptly make good the loss or damage. If the loss or damage be caused by a guest the introducing member shall make it good to the satisfaction of the Committee.

53. Functions

Any section, charity or member wishing to hold a function on the Club premises must make application to the Secretary in writing on the appropriate form and must undertake to comply with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and the Registration of Clubs (Accounting) Regulation (NI) 1997 in relation to the running of the function and the proceeds thereof. Permission to hold functions on the premises shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Committee.

54. Interpretation of Rules

- 54.1 The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules, the Disciplinary Rules and the regulations made by it from time to time.

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- 54.2 The decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these Rules or by the regulations, is final and binding on the members.

55. Amendment of Rules

- 55.1 These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting by a two thirds majority of the members attending and voting on it.
- 55.2 The Committee has power to amend the Rules where necessary to comply with statutory regulations without the requirement to seek the consent of the members.

56. Distribution on Dissolution

- 56.1 There shall be no distribution in any manner whatsoever of the profits/surplus arising from any of the activities of the Club including the supply of intoxicating liquor and other goods and services or a distribution of any assets belonging to the Club whilst the Club continues to operate as a Club under these Rules.

57. Dissolution of Club

- 57.1 If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of the ordinary members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than four weeks later (of which not less than two weeks written notice has been given to each member) and at which not less than one half of the ordinary members are present that resolution is confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the ordinary members voting on it, the Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after the discharge of all liabilities must be paid to the NICS Sports Association and applied for such purposes as its Council in its sole discretion shall direct.

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58. Headings

- 58.1 The headings to these Rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation
- 58.2 The foregoing Rules shall be read and interpreted in conjunction with the provisions of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 or any Statutory amendments to same. All requirements of such Acts or Orders shall be deemed to be incorporated therein. Should any of the above mentioned Rules conflict with or contravene the requirements of any of the said statutes such Rule or Rules shall be automatically null and void.
- 58.3 The Club is affiliated to the NICS Sports Association Ltd and is subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding with the Association permitting occupation of the Club premises.

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